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Even after the new Democrat majority pledged to restore "fiscal responsibility" to Congress, only 1 of the 50 amendments to strip pork from the appropriations bills passed. Only 16 members of Congress, all Republican, scored a 100% voting for all 50 amendments to cut pork spending. The average Republican score was 43% and the average Democrat score was 2%. The average score for appropriator members of Congress was 4%. Out of 435 members of Congress, 105 of them received a 0%, voting against every pork-cutting amendment.

Fiscal responsibility? I will let you be the judge. To see the [RePORK Card, click here](#) .